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DATA MULTIPLEXING METHOD AND DATA
TRANSMITTING APPARATUS

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Before the issuance of the first Official Action, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 16, line 1, change "apparatus" to --method--.

REMARKS

Claim 16 is amended to correct an inadvertent error and to make claim 16 consistent with the claim from which 16 depends.

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An early examination on the merits is solicited.

Please charge any additional fees required for this amendment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.

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